



Washington State Emergency Management Council

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Mission	The Emergency Management Council advises the Adjutant General and the Governor on all matters pertaining to state and local emergency preparedness.	
Purpose	The Emergency Management Council is mandated by Chapter 38.52 RCW to advise the Director of the Military Department and the Governor on all matters pertaining to state and local emergency management. The Council appoints committees and work groups to develop specific recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices, standards, policies, and procedures. In special session, the Council convenes as the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) per P.L. 99-499. The Council provides the Governor an annual assessment of statewide emergency preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous materials planning and response activities. See RCW 38.52.040.	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess hazards, vulnerabilities, threats, and status of local and state preparedness• Coordinate and synchronize state and local emergency management planning and activities to include compliance with state and federal laws• Recommend improvements of state and local emergency management• Prioritize initiatives and seek external support• Serve as a forum to discuss, monitor, and support the implementation of identified initiatives	
Successes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment of a Committee on Terrorism (COT)• Recommended Public Disclosure Law Amendment – enacted in 2001• Activation of the Seismic Safety Committee following the Nisqually Earthquake• Development of a Disaster Resistant Washington Strategy	
Committees and Workgroups	Committee on Terrorism Seismic Safety Committee State Emergency Response Commission	
Membership	Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau Local Law Enforcement (Police Chiefs) State Emergency Management Directors Department of Ecology Department of Health Building Officials Local Law Enforcement (Sheriffs) Military Department	Department of Natural Resources Search and Rescue Volunteers Private Industry City Officials County Officials Local Emergency Management Directors Member at Large Local Fire Departments
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